



Crime Watch News

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COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING



NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Please join us for our next
Community Crime Prevention Meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2005.

The Long Beach Police Department wishes you and your family the very best throughout this holiday season. We thank you for your continuing support and assistance in helping to keep our neighborhoods a safer place to live and work. As you enjoy this holiday season, please remember to stay alert and take precautions to ensure your safety and the safety of your loved ones.

Most of all, don't let the stress of the holidays
get the best of your holiday spirit!
We don't want to hear about any Bah-Humbuggers out there!

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UPCOMING EVENTS/ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Saturday, December 4, 2004, 6:00 p.m.
BELMONT SHORE CHRISTMAS PARADE - 2nd Street, Long Beach
Belmont Shore Business Association, 200 Nieto Avenue, Suite 208
For further information, contact Tory Bucsh: (562) 434-3066
- ◆ Saturday, December 11, 2004, 5:00 p.m.
51ST ANNUAL DAISY AVENUE CHRISTMAS TREE LANE PARADE
Daisy Avenue between Burnett Street and Pacific Coast Highway
The Wrigley Association and Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga
For further information, contact Alex Garcial (562) 570-6139 or
go to www.longbeach.gov/council/district7/index.htm.
- ◆ Saturday, December 11, 2004, 6:00 p.m.
CHRISTMAS NAPLES BOAT PARADE
Naples Improvement Association, Alamitos Bay
For further information, contact Rodrick Powell: (562) 433-7271



GOLD SHIELD AWARDS

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ADVISORY GROUP . NOMINATION FORM

The Police Department and the Chief's Neighborhood Watch Advisory Group would like to recognize individuals and groups who, as participants in the Neighborhood Watch Program, have contributed to the improvement of their neighborhood.

Recognition should be given for:

- ♦ Significant accomplishments at the block or community level
- ♦ Significant neighborhood improvements
- ♦ Improvements within the Neighborhood Watch Program
- ♦ Significant efforts in supporting the Neighborhood Watch Program

NOMINEE (Individual or Group)

Group (if group nomination): _____

Name (Block Captain if group nomination): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Briefly describe the nominee's contribution(s) to Neighborhood Watch.
Use additional pages if necessary.

How did you become aware of the nominee's contribution(s)?

NOMINATOR:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please submit your completed nomination form to the Community Relations Division by Tuesday, February 1, 2005.

HOLIDAY SAFETY AWARENESS



The holidays are a very special time of the year.

However, in our haste to purchase those last minute presents and in our rush to shop for all those extra goodies, we often become more vulnerable to those who wish to take advantage of our seasonal good will.

The Long Beach Police Department reminds you that as you prepare for the upcoming holidays, please take the following holiday safety tips into consideration:

- ♦ Always lock your car and be sure to place packages in your trunk or out of view
- ♦ Wait for transportation in well-lighted areas
- ♦ Travel with others when able
- ♦ Never let your children out of your sight when shopping
- ♦ Avoid carrying a large amount of cash
- ♦ Many crimes occur in parking lots, stay alert!
- ♦ Have your car keys in your hand when you leave the store
- ♦ Notify issuers at once if your credit card is lost or stolen
- ♦ Carefully control your purse, wallet, and other valuables
- ♦ Do not overload yourself with packages
- ♦ When out of the house for a short time, leave lights or the TV on
- ♦ If you go away for a trip, put lights on a timer
- ♦ While out of town, stop deliveries and have a neighbor or friend collect your mail
- ♦ Use ATM's in the day time, once you have your cash, leave quickly.

*Commander Keith Kilmer
West Division Patrol*

WELCOME NEW PIO'S

OFFICER ISRAEL RAMIREZ
OFFICER JACKIE BEZART

Officer Israel Ramirez is one of two new Public Information Officers assigned to the Long Beach Police Department's Public Information Office. Officer Ramirez was raised in Long Beach and yes, he is the older brother of our very own PSA Adriana Ramirez. He began his career as a Police Services Assistant with the Long Beach Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit back in 1993 and stayed with us for about 5 years. He moved on in 1998 and became a Police Officer with the Los Angeles Police Department. He attended their Police Academy and worked as a patrol officer in the City of Los Angeles for 5 years.



Officer Israel Ramirez

Officer Ramirez returned to us in September of 2002 with a lateral transfer to become a Long Beach Police Officer. After some brief Academy training, he was assigned to North Patrol Division. He also became one of our Recruit Field Training Officers.

Officer Jacqueline (Jackie) Bezart has also joined our Public Information Officer Detail. Officer Bezart began her career with the Long Beach Police Department in September of 1994 as a non-sworn employee in our Traffic Enforcement Section.

Officer Bezart entered our Police Recruit Academy in April of 2000. She has since worked assignments in Patrol, Youth Services, the Police Athletic League and Vice.

Congratulations to both of you!



Officer Jackie Bezart

COMMUNITY ORIENTED PUBLIC SAFETY



COPS Program Training!

The Long Beach Police Department continues to train department employees and neighborhood volunteers in our new Community Oriented Public Safety (COPS) Program. COPS is a philosophy that promotes partnerships between city departments and the community to solve neighborhood problems and to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Through COPS, the community and city government can make Long Beach a safer place to live and do business.

The Long Beach Police Department is actively seeking community members interested in supporting the Police Department's crime fighting and quality of life efforts through problem solving. Volunteer community members will have the opportunity to share a real life neighborhood problem with police employees. Police employees will in turn use problem-solving methods to address the problem in a classroom exercise.

The one and a half hour exercise is a valuable experience for both volunteer community members and police employees because it encourages direct problem-solving partnerships at the neighborhood level.

If you're interested in participating in one or more training sessions, please contact:

Sergeant Paul Gallo
(562) 570-6385
paul_gallo@longbeach.gov.

TOY PATROL 2004



Christmas is right around the corner! Don't forget about our annual Christmas "Toy Patrol" for needy children. We are still looking for unwrapped toys and new bicycles, as well as cosmetics, beauty aids and clothing for kids and adults.

Donations are being accepted at any Long Beach Police facility, your local public Library and at several stores throughout Long Beach. Just look for the Official Toy Patrol Collection Station Sign!



Donate new toys and gifts to help these less fortunate For additional

information or if you would like to arrange for items to be picked up, please contact Corporal Harry Erickson at (562) 570-7448.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SUCCESS STORIES

This month's Success Story highlights a Block Party hosted by the Neighborhood Watch Group in the 4300 Block of Gaviota Avenue, which completed the program in March of this year.

On October 30, Block Captain Frank Messa helped organize a neighborhood block party that was thoroughly enjoyed by all! Almost every resident showed-up, with families, friends, and relatives participating. Everyone brought food. Hot dogs and hamburgers were cooked on the grill, while the little ones enjoyed the jumper and bobbed for apples. The event was so successful that a meeting was called to plan future neighborhood events!



These smiling faces say it all!

Just a few of the neighbors who worked hard to make this event a success:

Todd & Chloe Masick, Ron & Janice Reeder, Karri & Eddie Holmes, Susan Welsh, Barry Jr. & Jacinta, and Marlene Groh.

A special thanks to Frank & Tracy for assisting and for sharing!

Please share your own Neighborhood Watch Success Story by sending an article to the Community Relations Division, or e-mail it to Lisa_Massacani@longbeach.gov.



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